



# Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board



## Minutes of the Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board, November 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Takako Wakita at 12:00 noon. Secretary was asked to call the Roll. Members present were: Takako Wakita, Chairperson; Wayne Hewitt, Vice Chairperson; Janet Baker, Recording Secretary; Marianne Freeman, Dingle, Ireland; David Gorbet, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Linda Mathews, Toba, Japan; Joe Cantrell, Weihai, China; Milan Mashanovitch, Kotor, Montenegro. No representative from San Juan, Phillipines present. Linda Gunther, Staff Representative. Guests: Councilman Das Williams, Sean Thompson and Carey Rogers.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried the minutes of the September 2, 2009 were approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Takako reported that former Sister Cities Board Chairperson, George Potter had passed away and she asked for a moment of silence in his honor. Takako reported she still has not heard from the Main Library regarding a reservation for 2011 for display case. Joe Contrell volunteered to follow up on this matter. Takako extended an invitation to her Travel Talk on her trip to Dingle, Ireland and to Northern Ireland for the SCI Conference in Belfast to be held at the University Club on November 19, 2009.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Councilman Das Williams introduced Sean Thompson who presented a request for consideration of Jeffries Bay, South Africa as a Sister City to Santa Barbara. He said Jeffries Bay is a community of approximately 50,000 people located on the Indian Ocean. Takako explained to Mr. Thompson and Councilman Williams that there are Guidelines for Establishing a Sister City which must be completed before presenting to the Board for consideration. Mr. Thompson is a former World Champion Surfer.

**REVIEW OF CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009/2010:** No changes or additions made.

**KOTOR, MONTENEGRO REPORT ON PROGRESS TO FINALIZE AS A NEW SISTER CITY:** Linda Gunther presented a certificate to Takako Wakita and Milan Mashanovich of acceptance of Kotor, Montenegro as a Sister City to Santa Barbara. Milan then reported that a fund raiser dinner was held in Los Angeles in September which raised \$50,000 for an orphanage in Kotor. Another fund raiser is planned at the Goran Milic's Restaurant in Los Angeles in February 2010 to raise money for a Sister Cities project.

**9-11 CONCERT:** Takako reported that the 9-11 Concert this year which was co-hosted with the Santa Barbara Music Club was very successful, with a much larger attendance than in past years, and collected \$172.00 in donations. She thanked all those who helped to make it a success and thinks we should consider co-hosting with the Music Club again next year.

**UNITED NATIONS DINNER FINAL REPORT:** Takako thanked all those who participated in helping to make this event a successful event. The Board members agreed that it was Takako's hard work and dedication that was most responsible for its success and in making it one of the best ever. Takako reported we made a profit of \$201.50 on raffle, etc. She said that she personally paid the Lompoc dancers \$100.00 and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried it was moved that Takako be reimbursed the \$100.00 from Board funds. Takako reported that this year we had to go to Ventura to get a liquor license and suggested that next year that we not charge for liquor but ask for donation instead so that we don't have to have license.

**CHANNEL 17 TV:** Wayne Hewitt reported that due to an emergency he was not able to have a meeting of the committee but will try to get together before Board meeting in January.

#### **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

**Weihai, China:** Joe Cantrell reported that Dr. Haslund is still working on bringing teachers from Weihai to Santa Barbara next year. Joe also reported that Dr. Haslund has taken over as Interim President for Weihai, China group.

**Puerto Vallarta, Mexico:** David Gorbet reported that 38 members, plus 3 Sheriff's Deputies and 4 IModanari artists would be going to Puerto Vallarta on Saturday after Thanksgiving. The Deputies will be training the police in P.V. and the artists will be doing their chalk drawings on the Plaza in front of City Hall.

**Dingle, Ireland:** Marianne Freeman reported plans are underway for a visit to Dingle in May 2010 for the Music Festival. She is working with Carey Rogers and Erin Graffy to get the Club up and running again and hope to have a membership meeting in January.

**Toba, Japan:** Linda Mathews reported on a bus trip planned for November 8th to Descanso Gardens in Los Angeles and extended invitation to join them for this trip. Plans are underway for the annual New Year's party in January.

**Kotor, Montenegro:** No report given.

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Janet Baker, Recording Secretary**